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Quirinelle

Quirinelle is a western province of Aristasia. The tutelary spirit of Quirinelle is the blonde angel Sai Sushuri. The province is ruled by the blonde Queen Elspeth.

The Quirinelle National Anthem begins:

Quirinelle! Quirinelle!
Where the great tides of history swell
Where the Heart of Love
Guides us from above
And where all things are well.
Quirinelle!

Being the most Westerly of the Westrenne nations, Quirinelle is strongly influenced by the historical current and the adaptation of Tradition to the "modernism" of the West. It is the land of the Sunset, and yet it never loses its connexion with the Sunrise of the Primordial Tradition. The fact that this is expressed with a marine metaphor is emblematic of Quirinelle's close symbolic association with the sea. The Heart of Love refers, of course to Sai Sushuri, the guiding Star of Quirinelle and the Janya of love; and by extension to Dea Herself in her Maternal aspect.

Quirinelle is known as a deeply Filianic nation which has Filianic temples and shrines all over the country, especially in the devout South.

"Quirrie" is short for Quirinelle, but only in its adjectival sense. One talks of Quirrie music or Quirrie respectability, but to say "I live in Quirrie" would be unidiomatic.

Places in Quirinelle

Chelverton, the capital

Clearwater, a pleasant country town

Brightsea Town, a coastal resort

Dovedale, a farming district

Correspondences

Element: Water ; Metal: Copper ; Number: 5

Tellurian Analogies: 1950s ; Venus
While in terms of earthly chronology the 1950s are the latest historical period related to a province, in Aristasia Quirinelle is regarded as somewhat old-fashioned compared to Trent or Vintesse.

The Flag of Quirinelle

The Flag of Quirinelle depicts the five-pointed star of Sai Sushuri in gold on a laterally divided field, the upper part being red and the lower part blue.

The title Star of the Sea — Stella Maris — is one of the names of Dea, especially in Her maternal or Sushuric aspect. It is given to the Virgin Mary, though in this case it comes from Ishtar/Inanna. Aphrodite, like many forms of Dea in Her Maternal aspect is depicted emerging from the sea. Thus the flag of Quirinelle shows the blue sea below the Star of Sai Sushuri.

Sushuri (Venus) is also known as both the Morning Star and the Evening Star. Thus the Star of Sai Sushuri is shown against a red sky such as that seen at sunrise and sunset.

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